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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION**Abstract**

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details. The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

2. Claims 1 - 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by J. Yu et al. (Adaptive Quantisation For one bit sigma-delta modulation, IEEE Proceedings-G, Vol. 139, No. 1, Feb. 1992).

3. Regarding claim 1, J Yu et al. discloses an apparatus for adaptive modulation (fig. 4) , comprising: a one-bit modulator for generating a binary output signal from an analog input signal (fig. 4, title; page 40, right column; page 41, left column) ; and a

multi-bit adapter (the quantizer) for generating a scaling signal for scaling a step-size of the modulator (figs. 4, 5; pages 40, 41, 42).

4. Regarding claim 4, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5, 6), wherein the modulator comprises: a summing junction (the adder) for comparing an analog input signal $x(n)$ to an encoding signal $v(n)$ to generate an error signal $e(n)$ representing a difference between the analog input signal $x(n)$ and the encoding signal $v(n)$ (fig. 4, page 41); a filter (the low pass filter) for filtering the error signal $e(n)$ to generate a signal $p(n)$ (fig. 4); a quantizer (the quantizer) for converting the signal $p(n)$ into a binary output signal $y(n)$ (fig. 4); a multiplier (MDAC shown in fig. 5) for multiplying the analog output signal $y(n)$ by a scaling signal $d(n)$ output by the adapter to generate an encoding signal $v(n)$ (page 42); and a delay for the delaying the encoding signal $v(n)$ to generate a delayed encoding signal $v(n-1)$ (fig. 7)[fig. has a number of delays].

5. Regarding claim 5, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (fig. 4) wherein the adapter produces both the scaling signal $d(n)$, which is an approximation of the absolute value of the signal $p(n)$, and a binary sequence signal $q(n)$ from which the scaling signal $d(n)$ can be re-generated (pages 40, 41).

6. Regarding claim 9, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus for adaptive demodulation (fig. 4), comprising: a multi-bit adapter for receiving a binary sequence signal $q(n)$ from an adapter of an adaptive modulation apparatus and for generating a scaling signal $d(n)$ in response thereto (the demodulator section in fig. 4 receives the output of the modulator circuit); a multiplier (MDAC in fig. 5) for multiplying a binary output signal $y(n)$ received from a modulator of the adaptive modulation apparatus by the scaling signal

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$d(n)$ to generate an encoding signal $v(n)$ (fig. 5; page 42); and a low-pass filter (lowpass circuit in the demodulator circuit of fig. 4) for receiving the encoding signal $v(n)$ and for generating a signal $\{\text{circumflex over (x)}\}(n)$, which is a re-creation of an analog input signal $x(n)$ to the modulator of the adaptive modulation apparatus (fig. 5; pages 41, 42).

7. Regarding claims 2, 10, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5), wherein the adapter includes a companded differential pulse code modulator (DPCM) (figs. 4, 5).

8. Regarding claims 6, 12, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5) wherein the adapter is used in an adaptive sigma-delta modulator (figs. 4, 5; title).

9. Regarding claims 7, 13, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5) , wherein the adapter is used in an adaptive delta modulator (figs. 4, 5; title).

10. Regarding claims 8, 14, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5) wherein the adapter is used as a companded delta modulator (figs. 4, 5; title).

11. Regarding claims 3 and 11, J. Yu et al. discloses an apparatus (figs. 4, 5) , wherein the adapter includes a logarithm term block for companding an absolute value of a filtered error signal, the companded DPCM for modulating an output of the logarithm term block and an exponential term block for expanding an output of the companded DPCM (page 41, starting at the "logic design of adaptation).

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (See PTO-892).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Jeanglaude whose telephone number is 571-

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272-1804. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 A. M. - 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rexford Barnie can be reached on 571-272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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